(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the annual growth rate of population there is a possibility of increase in number of poor people due to non-generation of additional employment opportunities in the urban areas; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Latest estimates (1999-2000) of the Planning Commission show that there is decrease in the number of urban poor as compared to those of 1993-94. In addition to Government's efforts economic growth process viz., new employment opportunities are coming up in service sectors such as financial services, information technology and tourism etc., the specially designed anti-poverty programmes for generation of self-employment and wage employment have also contributed towards this decrease.

Proposal to amend the Master Plan of Delhi

3026. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose, keeping in mind the welfare of the poor people, to amend the Master Plan of Delhi on the ground of larger public interest;

(b) if so, whether the covered areas, wherein more than 70 percent of industrial units are existing, shall be declared as industrial area as such;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to keep in abeyance the proposal of relocation of the industries till such time alternate site of plots is made available; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority

has already undertaken the preparation of Master Plan for Delhi-2021;

(b) and (c) The matter regarding industries operating in nonconforming residential areas of Delhi is s-bject matter of Supreme Court in case of M.C. Menta Vs. Union of India in CWP No. 4677/ 85, wherein action has been taken from time to time in pursuance of directions of the Supreme Court and the Master Plan/Zoning Regulations in force. *

(d) and (e) As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court the new industrial area, covering 778 hectares is in the process of development at Nerela-Bawana by the Industries Department of Govt, of NCT of Delhi/Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation. Further, the Government of Delhi has already allotted plot/flats to 16,394 units who had applied and have been found eligible under the Relocation Scheme. Actual shifting of the industrial units will take place after the actual have got the possession and constructed the building at the allotted site. In case of flatted factories, the unit can shift immediately as the allotted factories have already been constructed and possession given to majority of the applicants who had deposited full amount towards the cost of flatted factories.

Sealing of open space under staircases in Government quarters R.K.Puram

3027. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the space under the staircases of mixed type multistorey (old constructions) in Sector-8, 9 and 12 in R.K. Puram, New Delhi have not been sealed in all quarters by the CPWD enquries resulting in various unidentified/unauthorised persons being there and causing great disturbance to the people;

(b) if so, the details of the numbers of the staircases which have been sealed and those which are pending to be sealed;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government for sealing of the pending open staircases to avoid happening of untoward incident there; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The space under the staircases of mixed type multistorey (old constructions) in Sector 12,